

Bel and the Dragon



1611 King James Version

Compiled By M. Love



Love-Light Press and Studios, 2025

Bel And The Dragon

**1:1 And king
Astyages was
gathered to his
fathers, and
Cyrus of Persia
received his
kingdom.**

**1:2 And Daniel
conversed with
the king, and**

Bel and the Dragon

**was honoured
above all his
friends.**

**1:3 Now the
Babylons had
an idol, called
Bel, and there
were spent
upon him every
day twelve
great measures**

Bel and the Dragon

**of fine flour,
and forty
sheep, and
six vessels
of wine.**

**1:4 And the king
worshipped it
and went daily
to adore it:
but Daniel
worshipped his**

Bel and the Dragon

own God. And
the king said
unto him, **Why
dost not thou
worship Bel?**

1:5 Who
answered and
said, **Because I
may not
worship idols
made with
hands, but the**

Bel and the Dragon

**living God, who
hath created
the heaven and
the earth,
and hath
sovereignty
over all flesh.**

**1:6 Then said the
king unto him,
Thinkest thou
not that Bel is a
living God?**

Bel and the Dragon

**seest thou
not how much
he eateth and
drinketh
every day?**

**1:7 Then Daniel
smiled, and
said, O king, be
not deceived:
for this is but
clay within, and**

Bel and the Dragon

**brass without,
and did never
eat or drink
any thing.**

**1:8 So the king
was wroth, and
called for his
priests, and
said unto them,
If ye tell me not
who this is that**

Bel and the Dragon

**devoureth
these
expences, ye
shall die.**

**1:9 But if ye can
certify me that
Bel devoureth
them, then
Daniel shall
die: for he
hath spoken**

Bel and the Dragon

**blasphemy
against Bel.
And Daniel said
unto the king,
Let it be
according to
thy word.**

**1:10 Now the
priests of
Bel were
threescore and**

Bel and the Dragon

**ten, beside
their wives and
children. And
the king went
with Daniel into
the temple
of Bel.**

**1:11 So Bel's
priests said,
Lo, we go out:
but thou,**

Bel and the Dragon

**O king, set on
the meat, and
make ready the
wine, and shut
the door fast
and seal it
with thine
own signet;**

**1:12 And to
morrow when
thou comest in,**

Bel and the Dragon

**if thou findest
not that Bel
hath eaten up
all, we will
suffer death:
or else Daniel,
that speaketh
falsely against
us.**

**1:13 And they
little regarded**

Bel and the Dragon

**it: for under the
table they had
made a privy
entrance,
whereby they
entered in
continually,
and consumed
those things.**

**1:14 So when
they were gone**

Bel and the Dragon

**forth, the king
set meats
before Bel. Now
Daniel had
commanded
his servants to
bring ashes,
and those they
strewn
throughout all
the temple in**

Bel and the Dragon

**the presence of
the king alone:
then went they
out, and shut
the door, and
sealed it with
the king's
signet, and so
departed.**

**1:15 Now in the
night came the**

Bel and the Dragon

**priests with
their wives and
children, as
they were wont
to do, and did
eat and drink
up all.**

**1:16 In
the morning
betime the king
arose, and**

**Daniel with
him.**

**1:17 And the king
said, Daniel,
are the seals
whole? And he
said, Yea, O
king, they be
whole.**

**1:18 And as soon
as he had**

Bel and the Dragon

**opened the
door, the king
looked upon
the table, and
cried with a
loud voice,
Great art thou,
O Bel, and with
thee is no
deceit at all.**

1:19 Then

Bel and the Dragon

**laughed Daniel,
and held the
king that he
should not go
in, and said,
Behold now the
pavement, and
mark well
whose
footsteps
are these.**

Bel and the Dragon

1:20 And the king
said, I see the
footsteps of
men, women,
and children.

And then the
king was angry,

1:21 And took the
priests with
their wives and
children, who

Bel and the Dragon

**shewed him the
privy doors,
where they
came in, and
consumed
such things as
were upon the
table.**

**1=22 Therefore
the king slew
them, and**

Bel and the Dragon

**delivered Bel
into Daniel's
power, who
destroyed him
and his temple.**

**1:23 And in that
same place
there was a
great dragon,
which they of
Babylon**

worshipped.

1:24 And the king
said unto
Daniel, Wilt
thou also say
that this is of
brass? lo, he
liveth, he eateth
and drinketh;
thou canst not
say that he is

Bel and the Dragon

**no living god:
therefore
worship him.**

**1:25 Then said
Daniel unto the
king, I will
worship the
Lord my God:
for he is the
living God.**

1:26 But give me

Bel and the Dragon

**leave, O king,
and I shall slay
this dragon
without sword
or staff. The
king said, I give
thee leave.**

1:27 Then Daniel
took pitch, and
fat, and hair,
and did seethe

Bel and the Dragon

**them together,
and made
lumps thereof:
this he put in
the dragon's
mouth, and so
the dragon
burst in
sunder: and
Daniel said, Lo,
these are the**

Bel and the Dragon

**gods ye
worship.**

1:28 When they
of Babylon
heard that, they
took great
indignation,
and conspired
against the
king, saying,
The king is

Bel and the Dragon

**become a Jew,
and he hath
destroyed Bel,
he hath slain
the dragon, and
put the priests
to death.**

**1:29 So they
came to the
king, and said,
Deliver us**

Bel and the Dragon

**Daniel, or else
we will destroy
thee and thine
house.**

1:30 Now when
the king saw
that They
pressed him
sore, being
constrained, he
delivered

**Daniel unto
them:**

**1:31 Who cast
him into the
lions' den:
where he was
six days.**

**1:32 And in the
den there were
seven lions,
and they had**

Bel and the Dragon

**given them
every day two
carcases, and
two sheep:
which then
were not given
to them, to the
intent they
might devour
Daniel.**

1:33 Now there

Bel and the Dragon

was in Jewry a prophet, called Habbacuc, who had made pottage, and had broken bread in a bowl, and was going into the field, for to bring it to the reapers.

Bel and the Dragon

1:34 But the
angel of the
Lord said unto
Habbacuc, Go,
carry the dinner
that thou hast
into Babylon
unto Daniel,
who is in the
lions' den.

1:35 And

Bel and the Dragon

**Habbacuc said,
Lord, I never
saw Babylon;
neither do I
know where
the den is.**

**1:36 Then the
angel of the
Lord took him
by the crown,
and bare him**

Bel and the Dragon

**by the hair of
his head, and
through the
vehemency of
his spirit set
him in Babylon
over the den.**

**1:37 And
Habbacuc
cried, saying,
O Daniel,**

Bel and the Dragon

**Daniel, take the
dinner which
God hath
sent thee.**

**1:38 And Daniel
said, Thou hast
remembered
me, O God:
neither hast
thou forsaken
them that seek**

Bel and the Dragon

**thee and
love thee.**

**1:39 So Daniel
arose, and did
eat: and the
angel of the
Lord set
Habbacuc in
his own
place again
immediately.**

Bel and the Dragon

1:40 Upon the seventh day the king went to bewail Daniel: and when he came to the den, he looked in, and behold, Daniel was sitting.

1:41 Then cried

Bel and the Dragon

**the king with
a loud voice,
saying, Great
art Lord God
of Daniel, and
there is none
other beside
thee.**

**1:42 And he drew
him out, and
cast those that**

Bel and the Dragon

**were the
cause of his
destruction into
the den: and
they were
devoured in
a moment
before his face.**

Bel and the Dragon



**End of
The Idol Bel
and the Dragon**